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Mr. William F. Caton  
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**RE: EX PARTE: GN Docket No. 94-33**

Dear Mr. Caton:

This letter shall serve as notification that, on March 1, 1996, the undersigned met with John Cimko, Nancy Boocker and Tim May of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau-Policy Division. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss GTE's position concerning FCC forbearance from applying TOCSIA to CMRS providers.

GTE also provided information concerning recent changes in GTE Airfone's pricing structure as such relate to certain TOCSIA provisions. This information is contained in the attached letter.

Please include this letter, and the attached materials, in the record of this proceeding in accordance with the Commission's rules concerning ex parte communications.

Questions concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Carol L. Bjelland

Attachments

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RE: EX PARTE: **GN Docket No. 94-33: Further Forbearance From Title II  
Regulation for Certain Types of CMRS Providers**

Dear Mr. Cimko:

In 1993, the Commission's Common Carrier Bureau concluded that GTE Airfone was both an aggregator and an operator service provider pursuant to the Telephone Operator Consumer Services Improvement Act ("TOCSIA").<sup>1</sup> GTE filed a Petition asking the Commission, either through reconsideration of the Bureau's TOCSIA Order or through waiver, to exempt its mobile service affiliates from TOCSIA requirements. In several subsequent filings in GN Docket No. 93-252 and GN Docket No. 94-33, GTE has reiterated its position that the record supported forbearing from applying TOCSIA requirements to CMRS providers. (Attached is a listing of GTE filings)

At this time, GTE would like to inform the Commission of recent developments concerning the provision of its air-ground service. GTE Airfone provides end-user customers with unrestricted access to their IXC(s) or OSP(s) of choice through the use of 800-number dialing arrangements. GTE Airfone has recently implemented changes to its pricing structure that further fulfill the spirit and intent of TOCSIA's provision that no charge to the consumer for using an 800 access code be greater than the amount

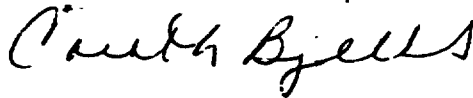
<sup>1</sup> FCC File No. MSD-92-14, 8 FCC Rcd 6171 (1993).

charged for calls placed using the presubscribed OSP. Under GTE Airfone's new pricing structure, calls placed using 800 number access are charged as follows: \$2.50 to connect + \$2.50 per minute (or fraction thereof plus tax). Toll charges do not apply to 800 number calls. Other end-user domestic calls are charged as follows: \$2.50 to connect + \$2.50 per minute (or fraction thereof plus tax) airtime and \$.29 per minute toll for voice, data and fax. Attached is a copy of a current GTE Airfone customer notification.

As matters concerning the implementation of Section 401 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 are considered, GTE would like to remind the Commission of this issue, and reiterate that we continue to believe the application of TOCSIA to CMRS providers is not necessary to assure just and reasonable rates or to protect consumers.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 463-5292.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol L. Bjelland".

Carol L. Bjelland

Attachments

## LIST OF PROCEEDINGS

Declaratory Ruling, FCC File No. MSD 92-14, 8 FCC Rcd 6171, adopted 8/18/93

Petition for Reconsideration Or Waiver, FCC File No. MSD-92-14, filed 9/27/93  
Ex Parte filed 10/13/94

Implementation of Sections 3(n) and 332 of the Communications Act: Regulatory Treatment of Mobile Services, GN Docket No. 93-252

Comments filed 11/8/93  
Reply Comments filed 11/23/93  
Ex Parte filed 12/17/93

Petition For Reconsideration of the Second Report and Order, filed 5/19/94  
Ex Parte filed 10/13/94

Further Forbearance from Title II Regulation for Certain Types of CMRS Providers, GN Docket No. 94-33

Comments filed 6/27/94  
Reply Comments filed 7/12/94  
Ex Parte filed 8/26/94  
Ex Parte filed 10/13/94

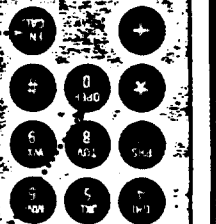
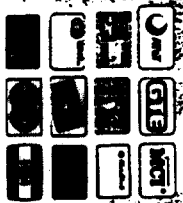
# ONE INFORMATION

INFORMATION	
<b>Services</b> U.S. 1-877 For "Island Travel Card" 1-877-774 21-6791 Residence	<b>Body Free Customer Service</b> 1-800-541-7172 1-212-213-1166 Midnight Body Free Shop 213 Lexington Ave., 12th Floor New York, NY 10016 USA Residence 1-800-MEET-UAL (1-800-633-8423)
<b>Shipping Plus*</b> 24 Hour Account Information 1-800-421-6553 Additional Assistance 1-800-395-5400 Free Card Visa Applications 1-800-557-7713	<b>Body Capped Service</b> 1-800-801-0900

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION	
<b>Flight Information</b> 1-800-424-4240 General Information 1-800-241-6332 International Reservations 1-800-GET-AWAY (1-800-2929)	<b>Shipping Insured (TWA)</b> 1-800-323-8170 Luggage Assistance - Airlines 1-800-426-5160
<b>Reservations on Extended</b> 1-800-426-5161 Bookings by Island 1-800-746-8713 1-800-510-7716	<b>Body-Board Package Shipments</b> 1-800-722-5145 Residence Forwarding Center 1-800-328-6877

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# Using Advanced Digital Airfone Service



## FEATURES AND USAGE INSTRUCTIONS

### RATES AND BILLING

Domestic Calls (U.S. or Canada): \$2.50 to connect + \$2.50 per minute\* within 300 miles; \$3.00 per minute\* for long distance. Data and Fax. International Calls: \$3.00 to connect + \$3.00 per minute\* for Voice; Data and Fax. Calls to Mexico when flying over America are billed as Domestic. Calls to U.S. when flying over Mexico are billed as International.

Starlink Service: For use over the ocean and worldwide, \$10.00 to connect + \$10.00 per minute\*.

800 Numbers: \$2.50 to connect + \$2.50 per minute\*. Toll charge does not apply to 800 numbers.

Inventory Assistance: \$1.50 per call. Dial 1 + Area Code + 555-1212.

For Area Code or Country Code dial "U" while in flight. This is a free call.

\* (For fractions thereof plus tax).

### Send Data & Facsimile

The R-111 just allows you to hook-up a laptop computer right at your seat. Send and receive data and facsimile transmissions anytime on-board.

### Billing

Adding items when the call is connected and ends when the "End Call" button is pressed or the phone is replaced. There is never a charge for busy signals or no answers.

### RECEIVING CALLS

Have a "Other" Discount: Save 25% every time you call two numbers you choose. To sign up on the phone, dial 1-800-AIRPHONE (1-800-347-3643). The call is free and so is your Home-Airphone membership.

To be able to receive calls when flying, simply activate the phone at your seat (\$2.00 activation fee) on every flight by and follow the instructions on the handset screen for "Receive Calls". Only a person you give your actual number to, such as a secretary or family member can call you. They dial 1-800-AIRPHONE and enter your actual number when prompted. Your OTB Address Card contains your personal actual number. To receive your FREE OTB Address Card, dial 9639 on-board or 1-800-AIRPHONE on the ground. (There are two calls.) You pay the same rate to accept incoming calls as to place calls.

### Customer Care

Need help? Need information? It's right here at your fingertips... FREE... just press "U" and a Customer Care Representative will be glad to help.

### Receive Calls At Your Seat

You can receive calls in-flight if you activate the phone with your actual number and seat number. You'll see the caller's number before you answer and choose whether or not to accept the call.

### Easy-To-Follow Instructions

The display screen will give you all the information and instructions you need. Just select a feature and follow the instructions.

## GUARANTEED SATISFACTION

On occasion, a problem may occur even on the most advanced system. If you have service trouble, just call Customer Care ("U" from the phone or 1-800-AIRPHONE on the ground) or write us at: 2009 Butterfield Road, Oak Brook, Illinois 60121 and we'll credit your bill.



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